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Lunar New Year: Story of Nian

Long long time ago,

there lived a horrible monster called Nian*.

*Nian = "Year" in Chinese

On the first day of every year,

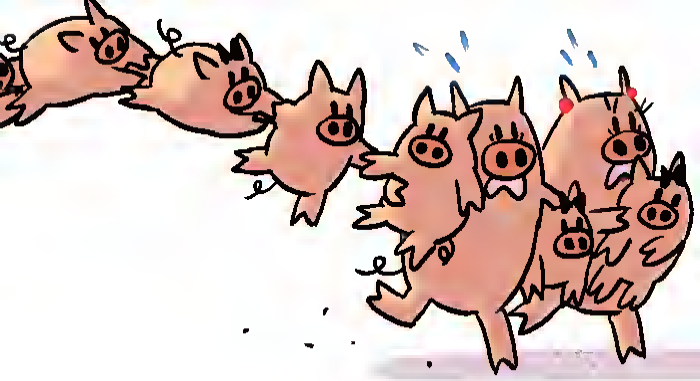
it would wake up and go to the village.

growl!

It would eat everything and cause great damage.

If there were children wandering outside of their homes,

they would disappear.

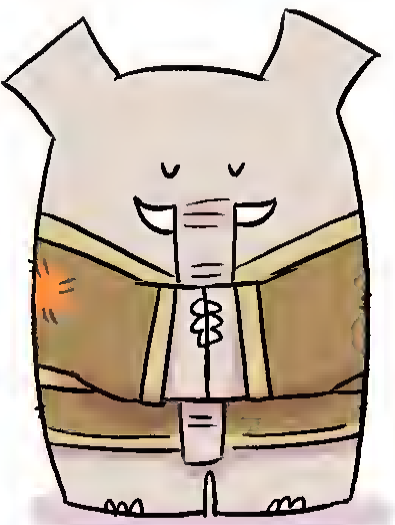


For many years,

the villagers lived in fear of the Nian monster.

On one new year's eve, an old man

visited the village and informed the villagers:



The monster is easily scared.
It hates the color red, loud noises and strange creatures.

The villagers listened to the old man.

They hang red signs on every door.

They made loud noises

and dressed up as strange creatures.

As the new year came,

the Nian monster never returned again.

The villagers continued the same tradition every year

and lived happily ever after.

The End

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